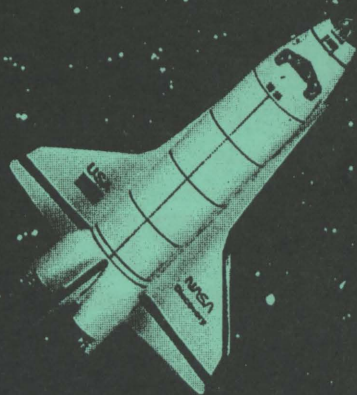
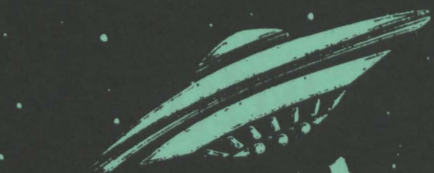


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We have once again been informed that the **Royal Society** is now undergoing the anticipated alterations. We are not holding our breath since we were informed of this prior to the last meeting three months ago, but we suggest you check the **entrance** at the **Victoria Street** side of the building.

We have a new committee member, Mr Bernard Wilson, who has generously taken over much of the production of the VUFORS Bulletin. I expect you have noticed the improvement in the last several publications - the presentation of the Sightings Reports in the words of the witnesses where it is possible. The layout has also been improved. We hope you see and like these efforts.

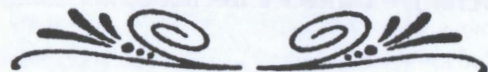
We have removed the "Social News" from the back pages and added a new item in the form of "Did You Know?" We will endeavour to give you 'brain teasers' every now and again, and hope that some members might come up with one or two - respectable ones of course!

This time we have a large number of reports from the VUFORS Web Site. It is very gratifying to note that people are 'tuning-in' to our web pages and reporting their sightings in that manner. We also have a number of sightings from people, who sent in Report Forms, but unfortunately, both time and space did not permit all the reports received to be published in this Bulletin, but we thank those who sent them; the reports will be included in the next publication of the Bulletin.

We wish to welcome our new members, some from long distances away, who have joined for a number of years in some cases. We also wish to thank those who have recently made donations - we are very grateful. It is pleasing to learn that there is considerable interest in the country areas, possibly because on many occasions it is country people or those travelling through the country, who see 'unusual lights in the sky' and hope that someone can identify the lights for them. When they learn they are not the only ones in the world who view these objects, I believe they feel a little more comfortable.

The editors of this publication wish to apologise for the delay in printing and distributing this edition. First, we had difficulties with the main computer and then the second one decided to join the fun and the monitor suddenly had a "burn-out" and it took time to find another compatible monitor. What fun these brutes are, especially when they give up the ghost in the middle of what we consider to be serious business!

The Committee wishes all our members the Compliments of the Season and hope you have a Safe and Very Happy Christmas, and a Prosperous year to follow.

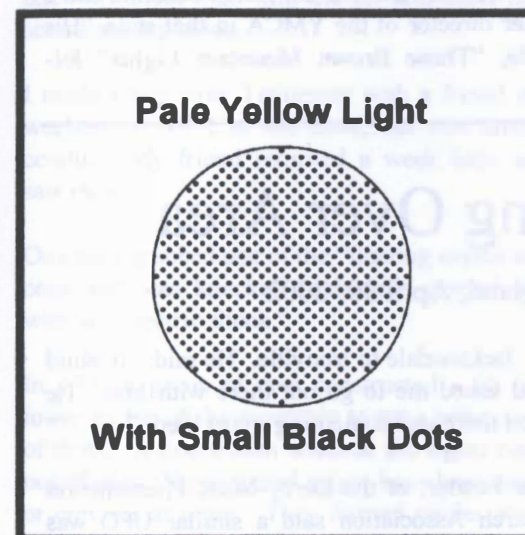


ON THE UFO TRAIL

Paul Norman © 2002

There has been a change in the pattern of UFO activity in the Grampians. The large white-lighted object has not been seen for four weeks as of 15th October.

The pale yellow coloured object, which displayed the 35 or more small, equally spaced red lights within its circle, on 7th May (see September Edition, Page 4), and at a later date displayed many small black dots for three or four seconds (see following diagram), has not been seen since 17th August, although the number of small active luminous objects has progressively increased to between 35 and 40.



Witnesses have been at the viewing location each night during that time. The smaller objects have been observed operating in groups since 17th August, as many as twenty at one time, appearing in various formations and movements. The nature of their activity has included blink-

ing or signalling each other as well as manoeuvring around in the valley. They also appear to be inspecting each other, far more advanced than only being aware of each other.

I recall a similar case, which occurred several years ago, when Astronomers at two observatories in South America were watching the Echo Two satellite cross the sky, and observed a UFO make three passes at it. Each time, it circled Echo Two as if inspecting it. To do this, the UFO had to be travelling three times faster than Echo Two, which was at that time, the fastest man-made object in the sky.

When I first heard of the Grampians activity, I thought that perhaps the unusual lights were earthlights, but after viewing them for a few nights, I changed my mind because earthlights do not display any indication of intelligence or awareness of their environment, such as responding to spotlight flashes.

There is another location and example of similar activity in the Chianti Mountains near the small township of Marfa, North Carolina. The sceptics have tried to debunk these UFOs by claiming that they are car lights, but this activity has been going on for over 100 years. There were very few cars 100 years ago, besides, the Marfa lights were observed moving rapidly upward.

During years of activity in the Hessdalen Valley of Central Norway, these outstanding lights have been checked out by UFO researchers, and scientists from the Norwegian Defence establishment, equipped with the latest scientific instruments. They were unable to identify and explain the sources of these active lights.

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On Wednesday 6th November, VUFORS received an email from Dr. Erling Strand, Chief Scientist for Project Hessdalen, confirming that sightings of small lights within larger objects are being reported, similar to those appearing in the Grampians, as well as small lights operating in concert with large objects, as in Australia. He also indicated that this level of detail is usually observed through binoculars.

One angle that appears not to have been considered is that some UFO intelligences might camouflage themselves, by blending in with, and appearing as, other phenomena, much as our soldiers camouflage themselves with herbage from the countryside in order to blend in with their surroundings.

UFOs can have the luminosity of stars, or earthlights and other phenomena, to disguise themselves. These so-called earthlights should be observed much more closely as there are likely

to be more details available that superficial observation would be unlikely to reveal.

During activity in the Grampians, on moonlight nights and at twilight, circular outlines can be seen when objects are not glowing, indicating that objects with normally unseen structure are involved. More and finer detail can be observed through binoculars than is recorded by a video camera operating in infrared mode. There are usually a number of objects displaying in different locations simultaneously.

A second group of lights in North Carolina are the Brown Mountain Lights near Morganton. I have a friend and colleague whom I have visited over the years. He is George Fawcett whom I have requested to give us some firsthand details. He is MUFON Director for North Carolina and a former director of the YMCA in that state. His article, "Those Brown Mountain Lights" follows.

UFO Seen Hovering Over Area

Evening Telegraph, Derby, England, April 30, 2002

A Ripley man believes he saw an unidentified flying object circling Ambergate last week. Ivan Roulston (56) saw six double rows or white lights appear over the village while driving along Heage Road.

The lights, which appeared at 05:15 a.m. on Thursday, vanished after six seconds. Mr Roulston, of Highfield Lane, said: "At first I thought it was a helicopter, but it stood still."

Sixteen years ago, the hosiery trimmer saw a similar configuration of lights while travelling

from Jacksondale to Ironville. He said: "A blind friend asked me to go out there with him. He sensed there was something weird there."

Omar Fowler, of the Derby-based Phenomenon Research Association said a similar UFO was spotted over Allenton in March.

"The light patterns do not conform to Civil Aviation Authority regulations. We think they could be alien aircraft," said Mr Fowler.

Those Brown Mountain Lights

By George D. Fawcett

Those Brown Mountain Lights ... what are they? They are among the largest tourist attractions in North Carolina, and would you believe it; many Tar Heels have yet to see them, sort of like living near the Niagara Falls, in New York and Canada, and never taking the time to view them.

The lights resemble glowing balls of fire and are coloured at times red, orange, yellow, white and blue. Sometimes one or two are seen and sometimes hundreds.

They move across the mountains, bob up and down, hover like a hummingbird, fade out and disappear only to reappear again. Occasionally, one will shoot high into the air and burst in a soundless explosion.

I made a trip from Tennessee with a friend one weekend in 1971 to see them, but was unsuccessful. My friend returned a week later and saw them.

One man grabbed one of the "floating mysteries" once and was knocked backwards several feet with an "electric shock."

In 1972 a group of men constructed a 60 foot tower on top of the mountain to get a better view of them. A dozen men watched the lights come out of what they assumed might have been caves or crevices at night. They formed circles about three feet in diameter.

One of the lights came to rest on the tower and produced a "static-like effect" and caused the men to become dizzy. They were unable to stand up when they climbed to the ground. Of the dozen men present, eleven were affected.

Another person, who had watched the lights for over forty years, believes they contain some radioactive or magnetic characteristics.

The Brown Mountain Lights have quite a history to them. The Cherokee Indian tribes were aware of them as far back as 1100 or 1200 A.D. They, according to legends, believe the lights were spirits of Indian maidens who were searching through the centuries for their husbands and sweethearts killed in battle. The discovery of several Indian graves in the area gives credence to this tale.

The earliest study was made by Professor D. B. Sterret of the U.S. Geological Survey in 1913, and Sterret claimed the phenomenon was caused by locomotive headlights.

The lights were first noted (on paper) by white men, however in 1771 when the German engineer, Geraud William de Brahm visited the area. This was six years before Burke was cut off from Rowan and formed into a county.

The world famous Brown Mountain Lights were investigated over the years by the U.S. Geological Survey, by North Carolina University and Cornell University scientists, by various military representatives, by the U.S. Meteorological Society, by the Smithsonian Institute and other organizations as well.

The U.S. Geological Survey in 1922 received the most widespread publicity of all the scientific studies that were made, but their explanations satisfied very few. In summary the survey said that the Brown Mountain Lights were clearly not of unusual nature or origin.

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About 47 per cent of the lights that the writer was able to study instrumentally were due to automobile headlights, 33 per cent to locomotive headlights, 10 per cent to stationary lights, and 10 per cent to brush fires.

Other studies explained the "mystery lights" as mirages caused by temperature inversions, reflections of starlight, reflections of ground lights, fires from liquor stills, brushfires, radioactivity, foxfire, St. Elmo's fire, chemical reactions between hydrogen sulphide and lead oxygen, atmospheric refractions and atmospheric distortions, "swamp fire", "will-o-the-wisps" and similar other phenomena.

The most sensational solution to date was one offered by sixty four year old Ralph I. Lael, who for years was the owner of his emporium, called "Outer Space Rock Shop Museum," where for years he sold supplies and knickknacks to travelers, and peddled copies of his book he wrote about his experiences with the Brown Mountain Lights in 1962.

On that occasion he followed the lights until they led him to rock through a door, which suddenly appeared and then vanished after he went inside. While inside he claimed he saw sights and heard voices, which told him that "they" were not earthbound beings that eat and drink, but rather that "they" lived on Pethine gas, which was prevalent in the whole underside of Brown Mountain, where it's honeycombed with a crystal clear substance filled with a glowing gas.

The "voices" from the "lights" told Lael that they came from Venus and would perish in our atmosphere or sunlight. Lael was then taken on an "underground tour" of rooms and passages under Brown Mountain and later a trip to Venus in a closed crystal compartment space ship and

then returned to earth after the "Light People" imparted to him messages concerning the future of our planet.

Even though the author does not endorse Lael's claims, it's important for the reader to keep in mind the fact that many UFO sightings and landings have been reported in mountain locations near Brown Mountain, and elsewhere throughout North Carolina and the rest of the world, over the past three decades and more.

Regardless, the Brown Mountain Lights continue to be seen by thousands and for various reasons; all theories to explain them over the years have come to naught to date.

The true devotees of the Brown Mountain Lights reject the scientific theories and the legends, and just insist that the Lights are there. And the devotees come from many lands.

Some romantic legends are associated with the lights. It's a classic "courting custom" of the Blue Ridge Country to drive your girl friend out to "see the Brown Mountain Lights" or persuade your suitor to take you out to see them, if you're a woman in love. If you see the lights, the legend implies, you'll be lucky in love. If not, your courtship will come to nothing.

Nationwide publicity was increased through the 1962 release of Sonny James' RCA Victor recording of "The Legend of Brown Mountain Light," ballad by Scotty Wiseman.

Where can the Brown Mountain Lights be seen from and when is the best time to go looking for them? And for some of those who have seen them - what do they look like?

Brown Mountain is a continuous formation 2,600 feet high, 20 miles long and 2.5 miles wide. It

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is part of the Blue Ridge Mountain chain in western North Carolina and is located on the dividing line of Burke and Caldwell counties, near the town of Morganton in the Catawba Valley.

These mountains are said to be the oldest in the world, once towering at great heights until erosion over a million-year span wore them down. Grandfather Mountain is the tallest peak in the range. Brown Mountain itself is about 12 miles east of Highway 181 near Jonas Ridge.

The lights have been seen from Blowing Rock, Morganton, Linville, and elsewhere, but the two best vantage points for viewing the lights are Beacon Heights just off the Blue Ridge Parkway near Grandfather Mountain, and the former site of Cold Spring Lodge on N.C. 181 near Jonas Ridge, North Carolina.

To various witnesses they appear to say that they resemble starlight, electric floodlights, fire, and a volcanic inferno. Others describe them as looking "like globular, glowing red, like toy fire-balloons," or "a pale, white light with a faint halo around it," or "not unlike the 'star' from a bursting skyrocket."

They appear with fairly dependable regularity and at all seasons, especially on dark nights. The best period for viewing is from June

through August, in the dark of the Moon. While the average duration is from 15 to 60 seconds, they have been seen stationary over the Brown Mountain's level ridge for 10 and even 20 minutes before extinguishment.

Visitors to Linville and Blowing Rock find it a fascinating experience to watch, at evening, the spectacle of lights mysteriously popping out and as mysteriously disappearing, in the Catawba Valley.

A large number of the Brown Mountain Lights were once photographed and published as a scientific expose in Argosy Magazine several years ago.

A recent theory that the BML are an electrical phenomenon like the Andes Lights in South America has been discounted, because Brown Mountain lacks the height and conditions to reproduce this phenomenon.

Explanations come and go - but the Brown Mountain Lights remain, flickering away as they have for hundreds of years, and the mystery lingers on.

If you haven't taken a trip down to see them - you should. I'm planning to make a return visit myself someday soon.



*Season's
Greetings*

Crop Circles

"Signs" From Above Or Human Artefacts

By Jacques F. Vallee

Some personal speculations on a fractal theme.

The key to investigating anomalies often lies in asking the right questions rather than pondering a long list of assumed answers and fighting over hypotheses. The crop circles that have adorned English fields in the last couple of decades are a good example of this principle.

Many well-intentioned "paranormal" investigators and New Age enthusiasts have immediately posited that the circles must be caused by Aliens, while the general opinion of journalists and academics tended to state they were the product of hoaxes. Indeed two retired men were featured in the world media as the confessed authors of many circles.

Over the years several interested researchers - including this author - have met with and interviewed self-described "artists" who had generated some complex crop formations as a new type of display where the landscape is used as a canvas to shock popular consciousness and stimulate reaction. There is no question that at least some of the formations - including some remarkably complex ones - are their handiwork.

This leaves most of the formations unexplained, especially those that have appeared in a very short time or under conditions of very high mathematical accuracy. Drawing a bicycle or a spider in a wheat field is one thing, the Mandelbrot set of fractal geometry is quite another.

When sophisticated formations started appearing in the English countryside, several teams of

UFO investigators (who came from a background of soil and trace studies, related to the familiar imprints often left behind after sightings such as Delphos or Trans-en-Provence), began to take notice. Rather than jumping to conclusions about the origin and purpose of the formations they drew up a list of fundamental questions that went like this:

1. Is there a change in the nature of the formations over time?
2. What is it, exactly, that happens to the vegetation inside the affected areas?
3. Is there anything special about the location of the phenomenon?

To seek information on these topics they established a protocol to gather vegetation samples and sent them to a number of laboratories for microscopic studies. The results, which have been discussed at meetings of the Society for Scientific Exploration and other public events, have never seemed of sufficient interest for the media (or, indeed, the ufological mainstream) to take notice, perhaps because they conflicted with the sensational nature of other hypotheses.

The answers are as follows:

1. The early formations were simple circles, then circles with satellites. In later years more and more sophisticated and precisely drawn geometric figures appeared.

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2. Vegetation is bent because the nodes are exploded. The stalks are not broken and indeed the plants are often reported to start growing again.
3. All the significant formations were observed in an area in close proximity to major research facilities of the British defence establishment, often in controlled airspace.

So much for Aliens and Druids. These studies point to the crop formations as the result of sophisticated electronic warfare experiments conducted by defence contractors.

The answer to question (1) provides the first clue: If you are trying to calibrate a beam, drawing a pattern on a wheat field can yield precision information within the diameter of one stalk over hundreds of feet, an ideal test situation.

The answer to question (2) narrows down the type of energy that can be responsible, because the amount of heat radiation that needs to be coupled into one node of a stalk of wheat to vaporise the water content is a known quantity, as laboratory tests in France and in the United States soon established.

The answer to question (3) points to the likely authors of the tests.

It is tempting to jump to the conclusion that some sort of space-based weapon is being developed. I am reluctant to assume this because of the cost involved. Even if satellites represent the ultimate platform for such a weapon, which does not seem obvious to me, the calibration tests can be carried out far more cheaply from a conventional aircraft. In those cases, when witnesses on the ground have seen formations in the process of being created, they have described a reddish glow at ground level, with the vegetation bent over in a matter of minutes.

This would be consistent with a beam directed at the field from a hovering dirigible, painting a figure very much in the same way as an electron beam "paints" a digital image on a computer screen. From conversations I have had with the investigators involved, the beam would be unlikely to be a simple infrared beam. Instead a combination of laser and microwave transmitters may be involved, or a form of maser. Perhaps the increasingly sophisticated tests are designed, precisely, to discover optimal combinations.

This leaves several issues pending: Why don't witnesses see the supposed hovering platforms if they simply fly over the countryside? What about the "confessions" of the two retired men who claimed they made the circles with a two-by-four and a piece of string? And why do the experiments continue at a point where the technology seems to have reached a high level of perfection? I only have tentative answers to this new set of questions:

- Many years ago I gave a lecture on UFO research at Oxford University. One of the people attending, a physics faculty member, told me of an interesting personal experience. His hobby was to fly gliders over the English countryside. On one occasion, on a bright afternoon, he was astonished to see his plane reflected in a surface that appeared to be motionless in the atmosphere. He actually flew around the object and determined it was a perfectly reflecting cylinder. It is obvious that such a device would have "low-observable" characteristics - a visual stealth platform.
- What is suspicious about the two older men's "confession" is that it appeared simultaneously on the front pages of international papers and on CNN the same day. Any published author familiar with the difficulty of

getting media attention will know that it takes a very powerful public relations firm to get a story to the front page of the Wall Street Journal and the New York Times, Le Figaro and many other papers the same day. Where did the two pensioners get the kind of clout that would spin their claim around the planet? The result was instantaneous: The press and, more importantly, most scientists lost all interest in the story for 10 years.

- Why do the tests continue? I admit I have no good answer to this. It seems farfetched to assume that they have become more sociological than technological in nature, yet this could provide an explanation. Sooner or later the truth will be known, and it can be used to discredit the community of paranormal researchers who have rushed to decipher alien scripts in the formations, or have hypothesized a return of the Druids, earth lights or messages from Gaia without first testing the basic physics of the situation. It may also be that such hypotheses have been coldly planted among the New Age milieu as part of a psychological warfare experiment,

and that the real nature of the crop formations can thus be hidden from serious attention for a very long time.

Why would one need to develop such a beam? Destruction of incoming missiles (or simple confusion of their electronics) would be an obvious purpose, but several projects are already under way to produce such weapons, notably at Boeing and other defence contractors. But we may be wrong in assuming that the beam itself is a weapon; it might be used simply to guide a much larger amount of energy (contained plasma, or the fireball created by a nuclear explosion, for example) to its ultimate destination.

The type of threat that is present in today's world includes targets that one may not want to blow up, but rather to fuse inside a fireball. Such a target might be a biological laboratory, or a chemical factory, where dispersion of a pathogen is undesirable. Is that what the innocent designs in English fields are really telling us to get ready for? If so, their message may be far more ominous than any communication from ETs, friendly or not.

Probe Call On UFO

Kelly Ryan

Herald Sun, Tuesday, September 29, 1998

A silent orange flying saucer is terrorising King Island residents. They want an immediate investigation to identify the UFO half the island's 1400 residents claim to have seen over four consecutive nights.

They say the object is not a plane and flies too fast to be a helium balloon.

"It is like an orange fireball that glows and sheds shards of bright light as it either darts around or hovers in silence," King Island Tourism Association president Jill Munaro said.

The reports coincide with the 20th anniversary of the disappearance of pilot Frederick Valentich.

International Sighting Reports

Selected extracts from Filer's Files #45-2002 MUFON Skywatch Investigations

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Sightings Continue Worldwide

New York UFO video, Connecticut white flying triangle, Pennsylvania UFO emits beam, Florida UFO videotaped, Ohio disk, Wisconsin 26 lights, Illinois V-shaped formation of lights, California submarine shaped UFO, Canadian UFO photos, Scotland cigar, England green lights, Spain investigates underwater noises, Ukraine circular hovering disk.

New York Missile or UFO

Albany - Brandon Mowry, videographer from WXXA-TV, Fox 23, was shooting a weather story at the Albany International Airport on October 29, 2002, of aircraft taking off and clouds, around 12 noon. When he reviewed his tapes he first noticed the missile like object in his film flying at an estimated 4,000 feet.

The sighting was reported to the National UFO Reporting Centre and the FBI. Brandon Mowry was interviewed by the FBI, who were apparently concerned the object could be a surface to air missile fired to down a commercial aircraft.

The missile like object had fins on the front and the rear similar to several types of ground-to-air, and air-to-air missiles that could have been fired from the ground or a passing aircraft. Missiles of this type were used in Afghanistan.

A commercial aircraft pilot phoned Peter Davenport expressing his apprehension. The pilot stated that the Albany video looked authentic to

him, and he expressed concern that no one was actively pursuing the issue. He stated that he found it upsetting that objects like those in the FOX video might be flying in the skies above our heads, and no one is telling pilots about it.

He also expressed his sense of disbelief that FOX is not pursuing the issue more aggressively. He suggested that it seems inappropriate that a news agency would have such dramatic video, and would not be playing the tape, and bringing the story to the American People in a more aggressive fashion than FOX has demonstrated in this case.

Some high quality video cameras can take the flight of a bird or fast moving object and elongate the scene in such a way as to distort the video. The two pairs of fins could actually be wings and the picture is stretched to appear as a missile.

Tests could be conducted with the camera to determine if the camera's internal way of scanning the picture can cause the distortion. Although this is a possibility, it is unlikely with new high quality video cameras. See the images at: <http://www.filersfiles-ufo.com>

Connecticut Triangle Flying Low

Manchester - On October 24, 2002, the witness was standing on his deck and heard what sounded like a low flying prop plane. He stated, "I looked up and saw a low flying triangular shaped craft. The colour being white."

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I called for my Daughter to come out and witness this strange craft. I did not believe this to be an ultralight craft as it was too large and too loud. There were no apparent windows, cockpit, landing gear or propellers. It left no contrail.

The sky was bright blue with few high thin clouds, none of which were above the said craft. The craft was moving fairly slow coming from the west and heading east.

Less than one minute after the craft passed over my house a military helicopter followed the same exact flight path but was moving fast. I thought this might have been some sort of military drone but have yet to find any examples that fit the exact shape of the craft we saw.

Thanks to Peter Davenport – NUFORC.

Pennsylvania UFOs With Light Beams

Narberth - The witness was on his back porch talking to a friend on October 8, 2002, and they were looking at the night sky on a clear night, like they often do. Then it happened, for about two to three seconds a fireball streaked across the sky, from east to west, and disappeared.

The witnesses reported, "I continued to gaze up when I saw what appeared to be a dim star slowly moving." It suddenly got brighter and brighter until it was a bright star. It then turned west and dimmed, as though it was thundering back into space. The witness said, "I have seen many UFO's, just keep looking up!"

Tyrone - Researcher Stan Gordon reports: The witness was hiking in the woods on Ice Mountain on October 20, 2002, about 07:30 p.m., when he noticed a bright light south of his location, moving towards him. The light appeared

similar to the brightness of a normal aircraft light when first observed but suddenly stopped.

It began to pulsate and brighten and then dim. There was a faint haze orange-red in colour that encircled the object. The pulsation pattern of the light began to increase and flicker very rapidly. Suddenly a thin beam of very bright blue-white light was emitted from the bottom of the object to the ground.

The witness stated, "This was no searchlight that did not defuse with distance, but was a bright beam from top to bottom." The man tried to describe the appearance of the beam with the following statement. "Imagine a piece of dental floss held at arms length, and you'll have a good idea of the beam's apparent width from my location."

The pulsating effect suddenly stopped, and the beam went out. The object was oval and orange-red. It stopped moving and began pulsating. The witness ran 100 yards to his vehicle to get his Olympus digital camera and took one photograph as the object hovered, and a second just as the object began to move. As he tried to take a third picture, the object shot straight up at fantastic speed and disappeared.

The witness did not detect any sound, or odd smells. The light was a 1/4 mile away at about 1,000 feet in altitude. The sighting lasted for five minutes near a large microwave relay tower at the top of the mountain.

Thanks to Stan Gordon's UFO/Forcean Hotline: 724-838-7768, paufo@westol.com
<http://www.westol.com/~paufo>

Florida UFO Videotaped

Miami - Mary Margaret Zimmer, Director of Miami MUFON reports that: "Tony Moreno, a

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businessman, had a UFO sighting above the airport."

Tony says, "I was in my backyard about 01:15 p.m., on October 22, 2002, getting a sun tan and looking up squinting on a beautiful bright sunny day. I saw a sparkle up in the sky, way, way, up high. I saw it was like a stick, so I figured it was a satellite, or a space station or something way up above in space.

"I saw it move, or twist, or curve and that drew my attention to several other little objects that were around it. I thought, maybe it's a bunch of loose kites or something strange. And as I kept looking I noticed it was way too high to be kites and they were more or less stationary with clouds moving underneath them and through them.

"I jumped into my house and I grabbed my video camera, but could not find the object with my naked eye, and used the viewfinder to locate the objects. I saw a triangle shape and some objects moving around. Others were morphing. I saw the candy cane turn into a 'T' then into a 'J', then into a weird 'S'.

"I saw one of the objects underneath turn into a delta configuration by itself and they disappeared. Five minutes later, I looked up and saw the sparkle and started taping. The UFOs flew over the flight path of incoming jets to Miami International Airport."

Tony notified Mary and she drove over to Tony Moreno's place of business, a music store called "The Cave" which he owns and manages. She recorded Tony's statement, viewed the video, and checked with the local airports and meteorologists, but they had not sent up any objects.

Tony is a MUFON Field Investigator. The objects in the video drift in and out of the base of 4,000 feet clouds. See video at Mary Margaret Zimmer's Website: <http://www.skyscan.org>

Ohio Disk

St. Clairsville - The witness reports seeing a craft hovering above a mall at Exit 2180 on Highway I-70. The object had bright headlights flashing different colours at 08:15 p.m. on October 22, 2002. The centre of what appeared to be a disk-shaped object had lights on either side of a panel of coloured lights.

The witness states, "We saw lights with orange-gold beams that shone from the left and right edges of the craft. The craft appeared to remain stationary for about 9 minutes, before it began to rise and move in a southwest direction. In a brief time, it had climbed so high we could no longer see it." NUFORC

Wisconsin 26 UFOs Pass By

Trego - UFO Wisconsin Reports that on October 5, 2002, the witness was getting ready for bed a little after midnight and saw a lighted object in the distance. I closed my eyes and turned my head sideways with my head down in my pillow but then I thought to myself "Hmmm, it wasn't moving anywhere and was way too high up to be a stationary helicopter" so I looked back and it was still stationary. I focused my vision even more and I saw a white and red light illuminating it.

My eyes must have been focused on the object for at least 25 minutes, trying to figure out what exactly it could be. I momentarily went to get another blanket and looked out the window again and it was gone.

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Mary B. states, "Both my son and I observed the objects and we were cognizant - not to confuse stars with the passing clouds and counted 26 UFOs pass by." They looked like round, white lights bigger than stars.

The strange thing was that they were in the formation of the little dipper and its surrounding stars - yet it was too early for these stars to be overhead. Furthermore, they moved from over the tree line in front of our house, over our house and then disappeared over the tree line behind our house. This all happened in a matter of around 35 minutes.

My son grabbed a video camera he had for his video class at high school and recorded some of it. He brought the film in and showed it to his science teacher. She said that she did not know what it was, but it definitely wasn't stars.

They seemed to be above the earth's atmosphere, but lower than stars. Also, the star formation they were mimicking came into view at our house about an hour later.

Thanks to Mary B.

Illinois V-Shaped Formation of Lights

East St. Louis - On October 15, 2002, at 03:30 p.m., motorist James A. was driving on Missouri Avenue when the lights at the railroad crossing began to flash and the gate came down.

"While waiting at the train crossing," Jim reported, "I noticed what I first thought to be a large object in the sky moving up and down in a 'spiral motion', each time taking a different shape. It then became obvious that I was not watching one object but many. I would estimate 100 to 200 lights, all moving in sequence.

"When I left the stoplight at Centreville, I pulled off Highway 15 and continued to view the object, for about ten more minutes. Suddenly, without hesitation, they broke ranks, with a large group heading southeast in a V-shaped formation. A smaller group headed west, about 15 to 20 of them. I was trying to watch both groups, and what they were doing.

"Approximately 30 seconds later, two F-15 fighter jets appeared out of the north, flying toward the objects. At that very moment, the two groups of UFOs just disappeared." Jim, described the UFOs as "metallic, sun reflecting off objects, round in nature. They were very high, made sequential movements, and were very precise."

Thanks to UFO Roundup Vol.7, # 43, 10/22/02, Editor: Joseph Trainor.

California Huge Submarine-Like UFO

Temecula - On October 20, 2002, the witness was driving north on Ynez Road at around 09:30 p.m. when two lights appeared. As it got closer the object looked like a giant submarine, and turned north. My friend and I followed it north filled with curiosity about this object and it turned right over a commercial area.

Eventually the object was directly above us. Other cars were also driving slowly and the occupants were gazing on up at the sky. The object got closer and flew above us and it was giant probably around 300 yards long. Fear set in and I made a U-turn while the object continued north.

During this whole event I heard a deep low frequency rumbling noise. The next day, my friend and I decided to go out and look for it again, a little later, and saw lights off in the west shoot-

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ing from one area to another with great speed. We drove around the area for two hours but failed to see anything else.

This is the weirdest and possibly the most terrifying/exciting event of my life.

South Pasadena - The witness saw a very large blue crescent-shape at 05:45 p.m., on October 26, 2002. At first, it looked like an escaped balloon, but it was too far away and much too large. It was shaped like one of those dolphin balloons, which gave me my first clue. It was wobbling from side to side, and heading east.

After a little bit, it disappeared behind some trees. Even after we repositioned ourselves, it was out of sight. It just disappeared. Peter Davenport spoke with this witness, and found him quite credible.

San Jose - Two witnesses were sitting in the parking lot on October 28, 2002, after work at 01:10 p.m. talking when one looked up and said, "What the?" They both saw what looked like a very large distinct spherical brightly lit object flying across the entire span of the sky. It flew from the south in a northern direction, directly over our heads.

It flew silently, lower and faster than any airplane normally would, and slower and longer than any shooting star I've ever witnessed. It was bright white in colour with a slight blue tint, and a tail behind it, maybe 4 times its own diameter.

Thanks to Peter Davenport - NUFORC

Canadian Photos Of UFO

Quebec - On August 20, 2002, at 21:08 hours our member Jean L. and his wife Lina in Saint-

Jean-de-Matha, got an alarm on their computer. Jean grabbed his camera and ran outside and took a photo of a UFO. They saw a white sphere, reddish on the bottom, which passed over his house heading northeast.

The sky was clear and the moon was visible behind it. When the object was above the mountains, it changed direction. The observation lasted between 3 and 4 minutes. About 5 minutes later, Jean and his wife Lina observed six military aircraft heading in the same direction.

The camera used is a Praktica, Aperture: 2.8. Time exposure: 1/60 second, Film used: ISO 400.

Victoria, British Columbia - On November 1, 2002, the witness was outside and heard the purring of a small plane and turned to see it travelling south at around 4500 feet at 03:35 p.m. It was clear day and a small Cessna aircraft with bright yellow sides and a red tail section that were plainly visible.

Suddenly my eyes caught a glimpse of another aircraft flying in the same direction to the west of the other, but much closer to me. This second object was a much larger craft than the Cessna; in fact the nose of it extended much farther forward of the small swept-back wings than the Cessna. It resembled a DC-9 in basic shape but the wings were very short.

This craft was pure white and did not appear to have windows or markings of any kind. Its wings were kind of indistinct and shadowy. Strangely the Cessna, one of the slowest aircraft in the sky, was travelling at a much higher rate of speed than this object. This object continued very slowly on its southerly course until it was out of sight.

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I have never seen such a large aircraft fly so slowly. In fact, it seemed impossible for a fixed wing aircraft to do that at all.

Kitwanga, British Columbia - Brian Vike reports four witnesses watched a UFO while on their way home from their work at 06:30 p.m. on November 1, 2002. They were on the mitt-in-main forestry road, when they saw a bright, yellowish/white light with a "beam" coming from the bottom of it. The beam of light was like a flashlight shining in a fog.

The witness said they saw it for three seconds before it disappeared. The light did not move, but stayed in the one position and then just disappeared. Considering the distance from the object, the light was small in size.

Thanks to Brian Vike, HBCC UFO Research Editor: Canadian Communicator.
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Scotland Cigar

Dundee - Whilst at work I looked out of the main door on October 27, 2002, and saw what looked like a cloud in the shape of a cigar, which was white in colour. The object was at first stationery at 05:00 p.m., and then began to move from south heading north quite slowly for about 30 seconds then stopped. Then a few seconds later, it moved again, in the same direction as mentioned above.

The object stopped again then appeared to move off to the west and eventually faded away. The above-mentioned object was around ten miles away from where I was standing.

England Two Green Lights

Cheltenham - Glos (Gloucestershire) Echo Newspaper reports that at 09:00 p.m., October

24, 2002, two strange green lights were seen chasing each other. The lights resembled laser lights sighted about ten miles away above the Cotswold Hills.

Spanish Scientists Investigate Noises

Mallorca - For months, strange noises have troubled the tranquillity of the waters north of the Island of Mallorca that has a history of plentiful UFO reports. The presence of underwater flying saucer bases is one of the hypotheses to be confirmed or dispelled by a team from the Sociedad Española de Investigaciones Parapsicológicas (SEIP-Spanish Society for Parapsychological Research) on its way to Mallorca.

"All possibilities are open, ranging from the presence of UFO bases to the existence of an underwater volcanic area or tectonic-plate displacement," said José Castro, SEIP's coordinator - along with Javier Rodriguez, of the expedition, which will study the noises.

Since Friday afternoon, researchers have worked in the area located between the island of Dragonera and Cape Formentor, where experts in undersea fishing claimed having heard noises of unknown origin which are apparently audible from the surface on calm days, and whose strength and intensity vary as a function of depth.

Thanks to Diario de Mallorca and Ultima Hora (newspapers) 10/27/2002. Translation (C) 2002, Scott Corrales.

Ukraine Circular Hovering Disk

Crimean Peninsula - Anton A. Anfalov writes, "I would like to report new remarkable UFO observation on October 7, 2002. My old friend, Mr. Victor A. Zdorov, was on a business

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trip driving his Lada vagon car, in the Belogorsk District of the Crimean Autonomous Republic between 03:00 to 05:00 p.m. Suddenly, he noticed a big circular object no less than 50 meters in diameter, hovering stationary for more than one hour over the forest-covered mountains five kilometres southwest of the village of Zemlyanichnoye.

"The circular UFO had flat cone-shaped upper part (something like a Vietnamese or Chinese hat), with a small cone on top, and a short vertical antenna. The lower part was like a big deep saucer, with the upper part wider than the lower. It had segmented structure like several vertical

and horizontal sectors, marked by slightly visible lines. The colour of the entire object was dull-grey metallic.

"Many local residents saw the UFO, but there are frequent sightings so many do not pay much attention to the regularly observed UFOs. The local press also often refuses to publish UFO reports, since they are so common. I personally interrogated the witness in the most detailed way and a picture of the craft was drawn."

Thanks to Anton A. Anfalov, Ukrainian UFO Research Association (UKUFAS)
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ET Calls On Lilydale

By Russell Gould
Herald Sun, Sunday November 17, 2002

Lights in the Lilydale skies have Wayne Winter and Adin Monks convinced we are not alone. Late on Friday night, the teenagers saw a group of yellow lights above Chirnside Park Hill and are now questioning whether or not stargazer theories are just science-fiction fodder.

"The lights were bigger than normal stars, they were moving, and in a perfect triangle," Actin, 15, said. "We followed them for a while and then they all disappeared." They tracked them for 20 minutes, first on foot, then in a car, before the lights vanished.

Wayne, 19, said planes often flew over the area, but the lights they saw were too closely grouped to be aircraft, and were moving in the wrong direction.

He and his friend are not *Star Trek* groupies or UFO hunters, but after the encounter, they could be converted. "It was just a joke to begin with when we saw the lights and said, 'Yeah, UFO', but then it became too real," he said.

"We weren't out there stargazing or anything, we just saw it by coincidence. We don't know what it was and there's no explanation for it."

Lilydale is a long way from Area 51, the root of all alien conspiracy theories, but Mr Winter says that means nothing, because these little green guys can go anywhere they want.

And so with "evidence" at hand, the question has to be asked: "Is the truth out there, in Lilydale?"

The Early Years

Compiled by Clive Yates

Selected reports from magazines published in the 1950s and 1960s

Sydney, New South Wales - July 2, 1959 Australian Flying Saucer Bureau report. In the mid-afternoon an aerial body was sighted near the North side of Sydney Harbour. Apparently circular and bright silver in colour, it approached from the sea, hovered about ten minutes, shot very high until it appeared no larger than a pinhead, hovered another five minutes and then disappeared to the North.

Witnesses disagreed in their opinions of what the mystery object was, some hazarding a guess that, since it first appeared from a seaward direction, it might have been a Navy Department balloon. One witness rejected the balloon theory on the ground that, to him, the thing viewed was much too large and fast for a scientific balloon.

No comment was available from the Navy Department, the Air Department, the Sydney Weather Bureau or C.S.I.R.O., the bodies most concerned with local balloon activity.

Maiquetia, Venezuela - July 2, 1960 *The U.F.O. Investigator* (National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena). The crew of a Venezuelan airline Super Constellation, which arrived this morning from Spain, announced that their plane had been followed, for twenty minutes, by a strange lighted UFO. The UFO was first spotted at 3:00 a.m. while the plane was at 10,000 feet, a few hours away from the airport. After paralleling the plane on an apparent intercept course for twenty minutes, the UFO suddenly shot away at terrific speed, the pilot told newsmen.

Gravenhurst, Ontario - August 19, 1966 *Saucers, Space & Science* (published by Gene Duplantier, Ontario, Canada). Fifteen people reported the sighting Thursday night of a UFO over Browning's Island in Muskoka Lake near this town 25 miles north of Orillia. Spectators, outside to watch the northern lights, said they first saw the object hovering over trees on the island.

One of the fifteen, who all have cottages on Brydon Bay, was Mrs Lewis of St. Catharines who described the object as having red, green and orange lights. She said the object was similar to ones she has seen earlier over Oakville and Port Dalhousie, Ontario.

Mrs Worts of Oakville also said she had seen similar objects over the Oakville area. She supported her 12-year old son Douglas's description of the UFO. Douglas said it was a spinning disc with coloured flashing lights in the centre and shafts of white light streaking out of it.

The cottagers first spotted it about 10:15 p.m. and watched it for an hour before it veered off up into the sky.

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White Cliffs, NSW

14th July 2002, 09:30 - 10:00 p.m.

The reporting observer and six others were out in the fine, cold, dry evening when a friend drew his attention to five round orange to red objects appearing a little smaller than a one dollar coin at arm's length. The objects were very far away so it was not possible to estimate real distances and sizes.

The objects were first noticed in the southern sky, proceeding slowly and quietly, in a straight line toward the north. It is estimated that there was about an 11 degree angular separation between adjacent objects.

During the observation, the moon had almost set and a small aircraft, with its blinking lights, passed from the northeast to the southwest. There is a nearby local airstrip, which is used by the flying doctor and local aircraft owners.

An unusual conclusion to the observation occurred as the five objects passed overhead. As each object passed, and continued for about an-

other 8 degrees from the vertical, it vanished from view.

Mooroolbark, Vic.

11th August 2002, 06:45 p.m.

While out driving with two others, on a fine cold windless evening, with light cloud, the reporting observer noticed an unusual array of strange lights about 45 degrees above the western horizon. There were five round white lights, each appearing slightly smaller than a 5 cent coin at arm's length. They were slowly moving around a central short line of six smaller red lights.

After stopping the car at the top of a hill and watching the activity for a while, observations continued from outside of the car. It was estimated that the lights were many suburbs away and the five white lights appeared to be somewhat like remote helicopter lights, but the observer knew that there were only two police helicopters in Victoria.

After watching the lights moving in a very un-helicopter like fashion, for about ten minutes, the observers drove away, leaving the lights to their activities.

Hume Highway - Melbourne, Vic.

20th August 2002, 07:15 p.m.

The observer was returning to Melbourne on the Hume Highway and at about 35 to 40 km from the city, suddenly became aware of a white to cream coloured globular light, about moon sized, with an illuminated pointed tail about twice the diameter of the globe, streaming be-

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hind. There was some haziness, as though the light was shining through thin cloud.

It appeared to be, on his right to the southwest, about 30 degrees above the horizon, moving slowly in an easterly direction, and was estimated to have been at least 10 km distant. The weather was fine but cloudy and no unusual sound was heard.

"I kept going, and concentrating on the road, but was aware of it for perhaps up to 20 seconds. I did reflect, "is that the moon?" but the pointed tail seemed to preclude that possibility. Taking my attention off the road and looking for it again, it had completely disappeared."

Southern Melbourne Suburb, Vic. 28th August 2002, 02:25 a.m.

The observer was at the beach, standing and chatting with two friends. There was some light haze and clouds. A brightly glowing green circular object, with a fiery red trail was seen quietly passing directly overhead, from a southerly direction, and proceeding northward.

The 0.5 to 2 metre diameter object was estimated to be travelling at about 60 km/h, at an altitude of 100 metres, but might have been as low as 50 or as high as 500 metres. An estimate of the sighting duration ranges from 2 to 4 seconds. The observer reports his sighting as follows.

"... As I looked up I saw a bright green neon (traffic light coloured) circular object that appeared to be half the size of a car or perhaps a little bit less, coming from the south of what looked like a Queenscliff direction or from between the Port Phillip Bay heads direction.

"As I saw it, I stood breathless for about 2 seconds. Then I started to punch my friend in the

back telling him "ahhh ahhh loookkkkkkkkk!" My friend had no idea what I was doing, and as I hit him very hard, I witnessed the object disappear over some nearby houses that were around 50 metres behind us, beside the beach to the north. My friends could see the look on my face, and that it deeply shocked me. ..."

Being a holder of both boating and pilot's licenses, he felt that the object was unlikely to be a distress flare as these are usually orange or red. He used a maglite and his car headlamps to scan Port Phillip Bay for a possible source of a flare, without success.

His final statement was: "I'm not saying this was an alien or rushing to any conclusions, it was however very suspicious and something unlike anything that I have ever seen before and that I will never forget."

Thornton – Eildon, Vic. 07th September 2002, 09:00 p.m.

The following report was received as an email and is reproduced very much as supplied, with some minor, but necessary changes. There have not been any other reports of this event reported to VUFORS.

Last Saturday night, after dinner at the Thornton hotel, my wife and I, and two friends were leaving at 09:00 p.m. and were walking over to our parked car to drive back to our Eildon motel. We had been fishing in the Eildon area for the opening of the trout season.

Our attention was drawn to a bright orange light in the sky approaching us from a northerly direction. My first thought was that it was some type of aircraft, but there were no flashing lights such as aircraft have, and also there was no engine noise.

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As the light approached closer, we could see there was a faint red light above the bright orange light. The light appeared to veer to our right, and then as we all watched, it appeared to become stationary, then suddenly it disappeared and a faint white light appeared to drop to ground.

I thought it might have been some kind of weather balloon or flare, but then I noticed there was no discernable wind, and also the light appeared to shine consistently and not vary in intensity, like a flare. I do not know what it was as none of us has ever seen any thing like this before.

Sure, we all had a drink at the pub, one beer each, hardly the cause of a hallucination, and some other people nearby also saw the light. Anyhow, I just thought you might be interested in this report. I'd also be interested to know if anyone else had reported the incident.

Frankston, Vic. 14th September 2002, 11:10 - 11:15 p.m.

The primary observer and his friend went outside into the fine clear weather for a "smoke", and noticed a very bright orange light, about 5 to 10 degrees above the northern horizon. Initially, they thought it might be a flare, but its progress in a straight line toward them was more indicative of an aircraft.

After about 30 seconds, the light climbed to 60 degrees above the northern horizon, but was not audible. Within another 5 to 10 seconds, it was passing silently overhead. It appeared to be travelling much faster than a small aircraft and was an even brighter orange, much larger than an aircraft's landing light.

The two observers continued to listen for noise from the object, but none was heard. They managed to keep the light in sight, by moving around the property line, until it faded out at about 20 to 30 degrees above the southern horizon. This final phase took about 7 minutes and is not characteristic of aircraft and satellites, which are usually lost over the horizon or behind other objects such as trees and buildings.

While the light travelled in a straight north-south line, it appeared to wobble slightly. It did not have a tail or trail and was considered not to be a jet doing a fuel burn due to the lack of sound and the lack of sudden change in light intensity that would result as the jet passed overhead.

Croydon, Vic. 28th September 2002, 09:20 p.m.

The observer reported seeing a very bright fluorescent green ball of light for 3 to 5 seconds. It was about the size of a 20 cent coin at arm's length, and was located between 10 and 20 degrees above the western horizon. Weather conditions were overcast and no estimate of distance to the light was provided.

"I was turning from Jesmond road in Croydon, into Eastfield road, heading west towards Bayswater road when I noticed a large green ball (very bright fluorescent colour) just above the hills near Ringwood. I thought to my self "what the hell is that?" When I passed a tree on the side of the road, which blocked my view ..." An attempt to view the object again by returning to the previous sighting point was unsuccessful.

But for the fact that the sighting was made at around 09:20 in the evening, the observer thought that the object might have been a hot air balloon carrying a bright light.

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This appears to be the only report of this particular light appearing on this date, received by VUFORS.

Queens Park - Moonee Ponds, Vic. 09th November 2002, 01:30 a.m.

On a clear still night, while seated near the middle of the 200 metre wide Queens Park, two observers watched as a 'Large Object', a 'Small Object', and a number of 'Outliers' proceeded quietly, within about 30 seconds, from around 60 degrees above the south-eastern horizon, to about 30 degrees above the north-eastern horizon, and then faded into the distance.

On first sighting, the observers measured the 'Large Object' as appearing to have a relative size of one and a half finger-widths at arm's length, and the 'Small Object', a little less than one. The entire formation including 'Outliers' measured about four. A 100 metre estimate of the distance to the whole formation was proposed, but estimating distances at night is usually very difficult.

Both of the larger objects were described as being roughly round and yellow-white, similar to surrounding illumination (street lights etc.), with irregular cornflake-like surfaces. They appeared equal in brightness, the brightest points being comparable to the brightest stars then visible.

"Attendant to these two objects was a group of between fifteen and twenty discernable point-like objects," 'Outliers', "varying in brightness, the brightest being distinctly brighter than visible stars (I'd estimate a degree of magnitude). None showed any variation in brightness. Some

were quite still relative to the larger objects, while some were weaving left and right with varying periods down to a couple of seconds. They seemed to surround but mostly trail the larger objects."

The observers rejected the possibility that the formation might have been a flock of birds because the apparent speed of the outliers and the static relationship between the larger objects was not characteristic of birds in flight. A plastic bag balloon hoax was also considered and rejected due to the rapid movements of some 'Outliers' relative to the larger objects.

"In short, the appearance and behaviour of the entire formation was so inexplicable that we felt compelled to alert someone such as yourselves."

Phillip Island, Vic. 11th November 2002, 09:35 a.m.

It was a beautiful clear night when the reporting observer saw a yellow-white ball of light about the size of two Venuses, in the southwesterly sky. When it started wobbling from side to side "like a drunk driving a car," he no longer thought that it might be a plane or helicopter, and drew it to his Dad's attention.

His father, who is normally very sceptical, was amazed by its antics. They both watched it for about 6 minutes as it silently moved into the northeasterly sky and disappeared from view. There was no estimate of distance from the observer but a 75 degree elevation was estimated.

"I have seen many satellites and planes at night as we live in the country and this was very very different."

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Compiled by Brian Richards

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Western Australian reports coming in through 2001 were fairly sporadic; certainly not a year of intense activity. However, early 2002 was a different story, with scores of people seeing Orange Balls Of Light (OBOLs), more so over the southern Perth suburbs of Coolbellup, Kardinya and Willagee.

Wed, 06 Mar 2002, 07:30 p.m. Hilton, WA

Two witnesses watched a brilliant, constant red light travel slowly from east to west. The light appeared low (about 1,000-2,000 feet) and made no sound. It grew dimmer by distance.

As they watched, a brilliant white fireball passed overhead from northwest to southeast. It had a short, sparkling, truncated tail without tapering. Before reaching the southeast horizon, it seemed to vanish.

Mon, 04 Mar 2002, 01:30 p.m. Augusta, WA

Lyn and Peter were admiring the view from their accommodation. Lyn decided to take three digital photos of the scene, as it was such a clear sunny day. To their surprise, the second image showed what must have been a very fast moving dark object travelling south to north. What appears to be a light plume extends for a short distance from the rear of the object at an angle of forty-five degrees.

Because the object is so blurred, zooming in merely pixelates the object to such a degree that clarity is degraded rather than enhanced. (This could be some kind of stealth technology following on after the Lockheed SR-71A Blackbird,

which was capable of flying at an altitude of about 26,000 metres [85,500 feet] and had a maximum speed of about Mach 3, which is 3,660 km/h [2,275 mph].

The whitish plume could be the tail plane reflecting sunlight, but then again it could be something more exotic. BR)

Sun, 03 Mar 2002, 10:30 p.m. Rockingham, WA

The witness (Dave) reported a very bright, intermittently pulsating light, travel from south to north at an eighty degrees elevation. After two minutes, it could not be seen any more.

In 1989 the same witness watched a large, silent, orange light near Bunbury, WA, hovering above the ground in a paddock (field). He could see white lights around the object and some of the lights were illuminating the ground sixty metres [200 feet] below.

Sat, 02 Mar 2002, 05:15 a.m. Perth central business district, WA

The witness, Greg, was travelling north towards Perth along the Kwinana Freeway. It was still fairly dark. As he approached the Narrows Bridge, he noticed a triangular, stationary object above the city.

There was a white light on each corner of the triangle, with one red light between two of the white ones. The three white lights were flashing on and off in unison.

About five kilometres [three miles] farther north the witness turned off the freeway to Osborne

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Park, but was unable to visually re-locate the object.

Fri, 01 Mar 2002, 08:00 p.m.
Leighton Road, Mandurah, WA

A man and his son watched two satellite-type lights travel SW to NE. They were side by side maintaining a constant speed. It was so unusual for the witnesses to see two lights together that they trained their binoculars onto the lights.

What they could see behind the two lights, about two finger widths at arm's length, was a triangular arrangement of much smaller lights. They said it appeared to be towed behind, as everything was in perfect unchanging unison. The sighting lasted a minute.

Fri, 01 Mar 2002, 07:20 p.m.
Hamilton Hill, WA

A man was facing west towards the Indian Ocean, when a bright, white, star-like object approached him increasing in brilliance, as it got closer. No sound was heard. The sighting lasted less than a minute. It suddenly reversed direction, heading back to sea and was gone in a flash.

Mon, 25 Feb 2002, 08:42 p.m.
Wilson (southern suburb), WA

The witness, Russell B. reported a silent, star-like object travelling overhead from NE to SW. After its initial pass, the object arced south and executed a fairly large clockwise ellipse followed by a tight clockwise circle before heading north-east at terrific speed.

Russell said he wished he had not witnessed the event as it altered his otherwise sceptical view of such things. This incident left him bemused. Total sighting time was twelve minutes.

Fri, 22 Feb 2002, 09:30 p.m.
Osborne Park (northern suburb), WA

Brian J. saw two star-like objects travelling together from NE to SW. They were flashing intermittently, one behind the other and veered towards the west before being lost to view.

Mon, 18 Feb 2002, 10:15 p.m.

Two independent witnesses reported an OBOL travelling south to north. It was described as silent, orange/red and very bright. The first witness, Jan, of the southern Perth suburb of Glen Iris, saw the object pass over her car as she headed south along the Kwinana Freeway. She was convinced it was coming in to land and expected to see it grounded when she looked over her shoulder.

Steven and his girlfriend were in the northern Perth suburb of Heathridge, near Ocean Reef at 10:20 p.m., when a bright orange/yellow light passed by from south to north. It appeared to have smaller lights within the main body and dimmed down and reduced in size as it passed. Total sighting time was twelve to fifteen minutes.

Sun, 17 Feb 2002, 08:45 p.m.
Kardinya, WA

Don and Lorraine P. watched an orange light travel from southeast to west. It seemed too bright for a satellite and the wrong light configuration to be an airplane.

Sat, 16 Feb 2002, 11:40 p.m.
Near Murdoch (southern suburb), WA

This writer was privileged to witness one of these enigmatic OBOLs. And I can state categorically that this was not a conventional air-

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craft or an orange garbage bag fuelled by fire-lighters or any other combustible material - the product of hoaxers or pranksters as claimed by Bickley Astronomical Observatory to puzzled witnesses.

I went into the garden to check the pool filter pressure gauge prior to switching it off. I was bemoaning the fact to myself that although I receive many phone calls from witnesses reporting sightings, I rarely see anything unusual in the night skies. Almost at the same time, a brilliant, orange/yellow light was moving above me from south to north.

It was totally silent and about the size of a quarter of the full moon at arm's length. It was possibly between 1,500 feet [450 metres] and 2,000 feet [600 metres] high, although difficult to judge. I called out to the family to come and look, which they did. I raced in to get a camera and telephoto lens, but the lens wasn't where it should have been, so the opportunity was lost.

When I came back out, the object had dimmed and reduced in size. It climbed higher and parked itself like a star but more orange, to the right of and higher than Orion's Belt. It jumped to the left about two fingers width at arm's length, then remained absolutely stationary for six minutes.

I watched the object through binoculars and could see no identifying features or appendages. After six minutes the object started to move slowly west and at one point was a very impressive fourth (top) star of Orion's Belt. Even the spacing was correct. It then disappeared behind a gum tree.

My son, who was on the garage roof by this time, to get a better view, said there was a flash and the object simply vanished. I should add

that the breeze this night was from the south-west, so the object, travelling initially from the south and later heading west, would have been against the wind on both occasions, and it remained stationary for six minutes; hardly the expected norm for a wind-driven device.

Sat, 16 Feb 2002, 11:05 p.m.
Alfred Cove (south of Swan River), WA

Scott H. watched three orange/yellow balls of light travel from south-south east to north. The lights were very bright, silent and about 2,000 feet [600 metres] up, travelling in a group. The first light in the group suddenly rocketed ahead of the others. The second light faded out and the third travelled north as if following the coastline.

Sat, 16 Feb 2002, 10:50 - 11:05 p.m.
Willagee (southern suburb), WA

June F. and several other witnesses watched a group of three OBOLs travel from south to north. They were silent and brilliant, like mercury-vapour streetlights. Directly over the prime witnesses' house, the three lights stopped for two or three minutes before two of them headed west before turning north.

The third light seemed to disappear. A fourth similar orange/yellow light was witnessed travelling from south to north at 11:20 p.m.

Sat, 16 Feb 2002, 10:45 p.m.
Leeming (southern suburb), WA

Rex M. reported two OBOLs travelling south to north. He was looking west. One of the lights was about two minutes behind the first and higher up, and he believed the lights were travelling along the coast.

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Fri, 15 Feb 2002, 10:30 p.m.

A Samson (south of the river) man, John R., was looking east when he saw two brilliant orange/yellow lights, one above the other, travel from south to north. The lower light varied its intensity from time to time, and both lights seemed to stop for a while in the northeast before being lost to view. The witness was adamant that the objects were not stars, helicopters, airplanes or hot-air balloons.

Fri, 15 Feb 2002, 09:50 p.m.

Coolbellup (southern suburb), WA

Glen H. and his family watched two OBOLs travel from southwest to northeast. The witness watched the objects for about ten minutes and was able to obtain video footage.

One of these images was published in The Sunday Times on 17 February (p.11) with a small article covering a number of reports related to orange balls of light and UFORUM's involvement with the investigations.

Sat, 09 Feb 2002, 11:15 p.m.

Heathridge (northern suburb), WA

A group of ten witnesses watched as four silent, bright orange/yellow lights moved slowly west towards the Indian Ocean from the east. They were in a diamond formation, with the first three lights in a triangular configuration, apex forward, and the fourth some distance apart taking up the rear. They grew fainter with distance and one of the lights seemed to drop down towards the sea.

Tue, 05 Feb 2002, 02:30 – 04:00 a.m.

Maylands (north of the river), WA

The witness, Nikki, watched a bright white light moving erratically about over the city (Perth) in

the region of King's Park. There appeared to be some sort of electrical charge coming off the light and three other lights were seen around the main one.

One of the three lights seemed to change shape and a dome-like top appeared. Red and green lights could also be seen. As the three lights approached the main (largest) one, electrical or sparkling effects were observed from all four objects and small trails or tails were seen as the objects darted about. The witness eventually tired of the display and retired to bed.

Tue, 01 Jan 2002, 12:04 a.m.

Munster (southern suburb), WA

Sharon J. and six other witnesses, celebrating the New Year, watched two bright orange balls of light travel east to west, one behind the other. No sound was heard. At one stage the leading light moved backwards to align itself with the other, coming alongside.

They then rose into the night sky and appeared for some time like stars. Total sighting time was six minutes. There were other revellers in the street, who saw the objects. According to Sharon, none thought it was anything conventional.

Tue, 01 Jan 2002, 09:00 – 10:30 p.m.

Shoalwater Bay (near Rockingham), WA

Several witnesses claimed to have seen, over two nights, a light rise up from low over the horizon in the west, over the Indian Ocean, and grow larger and brighter to a pale yellow. For an hour and a half the light performed amazing aerobatics, zipping from side to side, up and down, and zigzagging in every direction. Sometimes the light would slow down, speed up or come to an

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abrupt halt. When it finally left the area heading west, the whole ocean lit up.

Thu, 27 Dec 2001, 10:00 p.m.

Jarrahdale, WA

A prison officer from Karnet reported three lights flying in a triangular formation from south to north. The two front lights were white and the third orange. On reaching the vicinity of Orion's Belt they split up. One white light headed west, one northeast and the third (orange) one went straight on north.

Wed, 19 Dec 2001, 08:10 p.m.

Peppermint Grove (north riverbank), WA

The witness, Rod, out walking his dog, watched a white light like a satellite come in from the east directly overhead. Unlike a satellite, the object zigzagged to the northwest, performed a curve westwards before changing course yet again as it headed southwest to be lost to view.

Tue, 18 Dec 2001, 11:15 – 11:30 p.m.

Karnet, Jarrahdale

The witness's attention was first drawn by his dog, which was acting very excited or agitated. The witness noticed a movement in the sky and looking up saw a huge dark shadow only 200 feet [60 metres] up blocking out the stars. He calculated it to be 30 metres across.

It was shaped like a stealth bomber but did not have the steps cut out of the wing's trailing edges. It was moving silently and slowly south-east before turning south. Prior to this sighting, he and a group of other people counted eighteen satellites between 08:00 p.m. and 09:30 p.m., which in itself is an unusually high number.

Sat, 01 Dec 2001, 02:15 p.m.

Michael M. of Kalgoorlie (Goldfields), WA, reported a shimmering, silver object going west to east at a steady rate. He described it as a sisalation square, like a panel off an aircraft, slightly curved. No appendages could be seen and no sound was heard.

Sun, 11 Nov 2001, 09:30 p.m.

Heathridge Park (northern suburb), WA

Susan L. and her twelve-year-old son, Tristan, were heading west along Ocean Reef road. They turned right into Poseidon Avenue heading north. Ahead of them was a large, stationary, bright light about the size of a helicopter. Its height was difficult for them to ascertain. They pulled over to the left-hand verge and stopped for a better look.

Tristan had a laser pointer and pointed it at the object. Instantaneously coloured lights flashed around the object, blue, red and green. Between these colours was a yellow light that did not flash at all. Within seconds the object flew at great speed towards their vehicle, causing alarm and consternation.

Tristan involuntarily ducked, expecting a collision, but the object presumably flew over the top of their car, except that when they looked out of the rear window expecting the craft to streak away, they saw nothing. It had totally vanished.

Tue, 16 Oct 2001, 10:25 p.m.

City Beach, WA

Melanie and friends reported a brilliant orange light with a short tail that travelled rapidly from south to north. (Probably a fireball. BR)

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Sun, 07 Oct 2001, 09:30 – 09:50 p.m.
Morley/Bassendean (northern suburbs), WA

Simon and his girlfriend were travelling along Anzac road towards Bassendean train station. They noticed a star-like object zigzagging about to the right of their car. The object would come in close to the car and then recede. Being curious, they stopped the car and shone a torch in its direction. As if responding, it came back closer and then retreated over the horizon. However, the couple spotted the object near Bassendean Broadway, where it remained stationary to the west.

Six pencil-like beams of light shot down from the craft, curiously detached like falling neon tubes. The couple, heading north by this time, realised they were still being followed by the light which was now orange. They started to panic and Simon's girlfriend was crying. They drove home as fast as they could and the object shot off at great speed.

Fri, 07 Sep 2001, 07:49 – 08:24 p.m.
Mooliabeenie (between Bindoon and Gingin), WA

Carolyn was driving along the Bindoon-Moora road. Looking east she saw a bright, red, stationary object just above the horizon. It kept growing bright and dim. It appeared to be spherical and the colour of a red traffic light. The ball finally faded out at 08:24 p.m. but left a glow in the sky for some time. The witness, who knows the area fairly well, thought the object was over a valley between two lines of hills.

Sat, 11 Aug 2001, 09:30 p.m.
Rockingham, WA

Two independent groups reported seeing a group of three bright OBOLs almost overhead. They

did not know from which direction they came, but the lights were moving in all directions, up and down, back and forth and around each other. At one point they remained stationary overhead for a few minutes. The lower light of the three dropped even lower and dimmed out. Some of the witnesses reported seeing an arrow shape where the light had been, before the lights headed west out to sea.

Sat, 28 Jul 2001, 08:30 p.m.
Waikiki and Warnbro (south of Perth), WA

Two separate groups of witnesses reported five orange lights in a cross formation moving slowly from north to east. One of the lights was moving up and down and from side to side. Soskia, one of the witnesses, swore she could see arrow shapes behind the lights.

Wed, 18 Jul 2001, 11:05 – 11:25 p.m.
Armadale, WA

Greg W. and six other witnesses watched five orange lights (OBOLs) travel from east to west at around thirty-five degrees between Garden Island and Rottnest Island. They were changing position and moving around each other. Three dimmed out, while the other two moved further west and were lost from view.

Tue, 17 Jul 2001, 10:05 p.m.
Kelmscott, WA

Sara reported three silent, bright orange lights travelling from east to west, moving in and out of formation until they seemed to disappear.

Tue, 17 Jul 2001, 10:00 p.m.
Westfield (near Kelmscott), WA

David W. watched three OBOLs travel from east to west behind each other. The third light

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stopped almost overhead. The second caught up with the first and continued on. All three lights switched off simultaneously and disappeared.

Thu, 28 Jun 2001, 07:45 p.m.

Leanne of Ballajura described "a flickering red ball of fire" going south towards Bayswater before veering left (east) towards the hills. She watched it for three minutes and thought it was the size of a full moon.

Thu, 28 Jun 2001, 07:30 p.m.
Ballajura, WA

Six people witnessed a bright red/orange ball travel from north to south. It stopped for about seven minutes when a white object was seen to drop out of the object and fall towards the ground. It eventually moved further south and was lost from view.

Sat, 05 May 2001, 03:30 – 06:30 a.m.
West of Merredin, WA

Five people in two vehicles were delivering newspapers on the early morning run through Mukinbudin and Kununoppin. A bright, white, incandescent light appeared to the north and right-hand side of one of the vehicles. It came in low in front of the van, and then followed behind before moving to the front again.

When they got to the Nungarin Hotel the driver of one of the vehicles woke up his mate to witness the ongoing encounter. He was very frightened by what he saw and lay on the floor of the vehicle, the hairs on the back of his neck standing up.

Apparently, the cab of the van heated up to an uncomfortable level and the temperature gauge indicated that the engine was overheating. The

engine itself started knocking loudly and loss of power was evidenced by no response from the accelerator.

When the light rose up into the sky and appeared as a small star, the van's engine functioned normally again. As daylight approached, this 'star' could not be seen in the brightening sky.

Wed, 02 May 2001, 06:10 p.m.
Woody Woody Mine (southwest of Port Hedland)

Karl was eighty kilometres west of the Woody Woody Mine. In the light of his bull-lights he saw a strange object hovering ahead about thirty metres up. It was oval and shaped like a flounder about nine metres across. Along the side edges were "undulating fins," hence the flounder comparison.

The underside of the object was white, whilst the top was brown and segmented like a tortoise shell. Centrally underneath the object there appeared to be a hexagonal aperture surrounded by a bluish haze. There was a blister or possibly some sort of cabin at the front leading edge and a series of holes running round the object.

After about a minute, the craft took off at lightning speed in the direction of Port Hedland to the northwest. Karl found out later that a number of women had witnessed a bright object streak over Port Hedland from the southeast a minute after his sighting. That the object was one and the same cannot be verified.

Tue, 01 May 2001, 06:30 p.m.
Nollamara, WA

A brilliant white fireball with a long sparkling tail travelled east to west. No sound was heard.

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**Fri, 16 Mar 2001, 02:30 – 02:45 a.m.
Mt Magnet, WA**

A truck driver, Bottica, was travelling north towards Mt Magnet. He was surprised to see in his rear-view mirror a bright light following behind, to the right of his truck.

He realised this couldn't be another vehicle because of its position and this was confirmed when he saw what looked like an egg or acorn shape sitting on a saucer-like base.

The whole object was flashing blue, red and green lights. The witness stopped his truck a

few times to try and make sense of what he was seeing. But the object always stayed about five hundred metres behind, although moving from side to side.

At one point he waved to a passing truck driver and pointed to the hovering object in the sky. The light or lights followed Bottica for another fifty kilometres through Mt Magnet and a further twenty kilometres past Paynes Find where it was not seen any more.

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UFO ENCOUNTERED

By Krista Hamblin

Warmambool Standard, Saturday October 19, 2002
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Purnim's Sue Sharples can't explain what the metallic object she saw in the sky yesterday was. She also has no idea where the rear windscreen of the vehicle she was driving has gone.

Mrs Sharples said yesterday she was driving with her husband along Mortlake Road when the couple noticed a shiny object above the vehicle. Their baby grandson was in a capsule in the back seat.

Mrs Sharples said that after a few fleeting glances, they watched the rear windscreen sucked from the car and disappear upwards. She admits their story is "absolutely unbelievable" but that the proof lies with the vehicle's missing window.

"There is not a scratch on the car. Nothing," she said. Two searches of the area failed to locate the missing window. The couple's son-in-law phoned police in case someone had been hurt by the projectile.

Experts from Windscreens O'Brien can't explain how the window could disappear. After inspecting the car, a spokesman said the window could not have been kicked out, there was no sign it had been cut free. The seal was still attached and there were no glass splinters, he said. The windscreen was fitted to the 1994 Toyota earlier in the year.

"How can you say what something is when you have never seen one before?" she said. "It's just absolutely amazing."

Rear Window 'Sucked Out'

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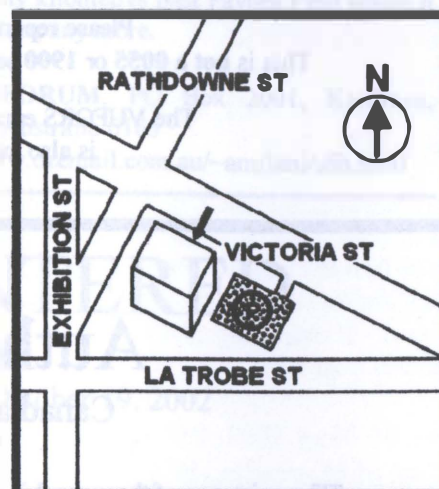
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SOCIETY HISTORY

1957

At this point perhaps it may be opportune to present a brief history of the Victorian U.F.O. Research Society.

The earliest U.F.O. group to form in Australia was the "Australian Flying Saucer Bureau" under the direction of Edgar Jarrold and Andrew Tomas, in the early 1950s. At the same time, Fred Stone inaugurated the "Australian Flying Saucer Research Society" in Adelaide. After approximately two years the Bureau closed down and was regarded as a branch of the "Australian Flying Saucer Research Society" under Andrew Tomas. This shortly broke from Adelaide and became the "Australian U.F.O. Investigation Centre" with Dr. Clifford at its head until 1958, when the Presidency passed to Dr. Lindtner.

The "Australian Flying Saucer Research Society (Victorian Branch)" was formed on the 17th February, 1957 as a branch of the "Australian Flying Saucer Research Society" and later that year was re-organised as the "Victorian Flying Saucer Research Society" with Mr. Peter E. Norris L.L.B. as President. In 1968 the name was again altered – this time to the "Victorian U.F.O. Research Society".

During this time, the Society has published various papers and is probably best known for its publication Australian Flying Saucer Review, curtailed in 1972 due to high costs and subsequently superseded by the Australian U.F.O. Bulletin and at one stage sponsored and produced a quarter-hour program on a Melbourne radio station under the heading of "The Truth Behind Flying Saucers".

In 1978, following the resignation of Mr. Peter Norris the current executive, Mrs. Judith Magee, Messrs. Paul Norman and Clive Yates, was placed in control, ensuring the continuing prosperity of V.U.F.O.R.S. The Society has held a dispassionate attitude on U.F.O.s, claiming it is a scientific problem deserving closer attention. It has also met regularly in general meetings and discussion nights and maintained the largest U.F.O. library in the southern hemisphere. Unfortunately, the loss of books, probably due to the high cost of postage has forced V.U.F.O.R.S. to discontinue this service to members.

Membership of this Society – which maintains the largest membership of any U.F.O. organisation in the Southern Hemisphere – is open to all who are genuinely interested in the subject.

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